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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 to 10 without prejudice and add the following new claims:

11 A method for manufacture of a quartz glass body, said method comprising:

feeding glass starting material and fuel gas to a rotationally symmetrical deposition burner having a plurality of annular gap nozzles and being formed by coaxial arrangement of a plurality of

